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Ex 16.* (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first direction corresponds to a sub-scanning direction of the image forming apparatus, and

wherein the second direction corresponds to a main scanning direction of the image forming apparatus.

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Curv.* 17. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said resin lens has a surface whose radius of curvature in said second direction is varied along said first direction.

18. (New) The image forming apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the first direction corresponds to a sub-scanning direction of the image forming apparatus, and

wherein the second direction corresponds to a main scanning direction of the image forming apparatus.